RE. DEROGATORY LANGUAGE USED IN THE REPORT OF THE WORLD BANK ABOUT INDIA

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN (West Bengal): Madam, I want to raise a serious matter.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What is your serious matter?

श्री सुरेश पचौरी (महाराष्ट्र) : महोदया, बहुत गंभीर मामला है । (व्यवधान)

उपसभापति : ठहरिए, एक मिनट ।

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Madam, the newspapers published a report of the World Bank. ..(interruptions)... That was published in the *New York Times*. It is a report of the World Bank which is most derogatory and humiliating to India. It says that the World Bank in a derogatory language has asked the Indian Government to close down immediately all sick public sector units and also to stop subsidy to the farmers and other poorer sections of the people. The report is not only derogatory but humiliating and harmful to India. Now before the report is available to the Members of Parliament or before it is discussed by the Members of Parliament, Madam, the Government of India has already started implementing the report. In the new Industrial Policy 58 public sector units are declared chronically sick. Most of them have been referred to the BIFR. Without waiting for the decisiin of the BIFR as to the fate of these units, what the Government is doing is they have stopped all funding of these units thereby they are forcing death on these units which have yet enough scope for survival. In this way the Government have stopped the funds. By stopping all budgetary support, they are forcing these units to die. There are many units which have enough scope for survival. They are possibilities of Survival. There are possibilities of putting them on a healthy footing...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: All right. We are discusing the Appropriation Bill. You may also discuss it...(interruptions)...

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: My point is... (Interruptions)... Thousands and thousands workers are being laid off. (Interruptions)..

AN HON. MEMBER: World Bank will run the Government.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Why is the Government not waiting for the report of BIFR? The Government should wait for the report of BIFR whether the units are to be closed down or to be revived. Without waiting for that, they have stopped the funding, they have stopped all budgetary support. In that way they are forcing death...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: O.K. Mr. Das Gupta has some other problem. ...(interruptions)

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: I demand that the Prime Minister should come before the House and make a statement whether he is following the dictates of the World Bank and he will forces the units to die...(interruptions)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Gurudas Das Gupta. ...(interruptions)...

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: I want the Prime Minister to come and make a statement.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY(Andhra Pradesh): Madam, I associate myself with Mr. Sen. ...(interruptions)...

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA (Rajasthan): Madam, I have to say something different on the same issue. but I fully support Mr. Sukomal Sen.

Nirmally. Madam, the World Bank Annual Report is their business. They can say what they want in their Annual Report about any country, but in the circumstances in which we are placed in the last one year, we have reversed a lot of nationally accepted policies. It is clear from the World Bank Report that they want to push India into a particular direction which they have done to the Latin American countries. And what they have said is highly derogatory. They have said that farmers in India are being supplied electricity free. I don't know from where they got this information. In their annual report they say that 4 per cent of the GDP of the entire nation is being wasted on the farmers of the country who pay no income-tax and electricity is given free to them and they are given good subsidies. It is an attempt to subvert our agricultural sector. Our oil and food sectors are the key sectors. The oil sector is already in trouble. It is definitely an attempt to subvert the food production in our country. I want the Government to take it seriously and before the end of the session for heaven's sake, please tell us that you don't subscribe to these views. What is important to us is our Government's views. The World Bank's views are not important to us. Is the Government subscribing to these views? (Interruptions)...

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Madam, let the Government make a statement on this point. We tried to meet the Prime Minister on a number of occasions. We, along with the Leader of the Opposition representing Rajya Sabha, had gone to his chamber to get an appointment. For the last one week we had not been given an appointment. We wanted to know from the Prime Minister what the Government attitude was towards the World Bank's report and towards the public sector workers. It is unfortunate that during the session of the Parliament the Prime Minister has become inaccessible to us. We know the reason. The reason is that the Government has nothing to say regarding its new economic policy and industrial policy. The fact remains that we have passed a Budget and funds have been allocated. But the Government has started refusing release of funds allotted in the Budget. It is under the direction of the World Bank because somebody is sitting over in Delhi to monitor to what extent the fiscal deficit should be. As a result, in West Bengal alone more than two lakhs of workers are on the verge of total unemployment and a number if public sector units all over the country are virtually on the verge of closure. Madam, the Prime Minister has assured us on a number of occasions that nothing would be done without seeking the opinion of the trade unions and the Opposition parties. He has spoken of a policy of consensus. Now, the Government is unilaterally implementing a policy of virtual close-down of one after another public sector units rendering people unemployed and affecting the industrial production of the country. This is extremely serious and it is done behind the back of the Parliament and breaking the promise of the Prime Minister. In such a situation we triew to meet the Prime Minister to ascertain from him what his opinion was. (Interruptions)... Madam, Members of Parliament are ....(Interruptions)....

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please, one minute. (Interruptions) .... You are going to speak on the Appropriation Bills. (Interruptions) ...

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Madam, you must listen to our agony. We are representing the misery and agony of lakhs of workers in the country. Nobody is there to listen to us. Even the Prime Minister does not give us an interview because the World Bank is there to dictate our policy.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra): Madam, I strongly object to

[Shri Jagesh Desai]

this. The Prime Minitser is not behaving at the instance of the World Bank. (Interruptions)...

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: I did not say the Prime Minister was. The Government is acting under the directives of the Prime Minister and the directives of the World Bank and the economic policies are being scheduled and moulded at the behest of the World Bank. Madam, therefore,....(Interruptions)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gupta, please. (Interruptions)... Just a minute. Please just a minute. When you are agitated and raising an issue on hundreds and thousands of workers you are allowed to raise it and everyone is listening to you very patiently, not only to you but two or three others. The thing is that still we should have certain limitations. We should not go beyond certain... मर्यादाएं हैं हमारी, हम किस प्रकार से, किस तरीके से बोलें यह हमें समझना है। You cannot make a speech on that. (Interruptions)... I will not allow you. (Interruptions)

श्री सुरेश पचौरी: मैडम, बहुत गंभीर मामला है। **(व्यवधान)**

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Madam, Mr. Chavan can make a statement. (Interruptions)...

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर (उत्तर प्रदेश): महोदया, वर्ल्ड बैंक की रिपोर्ट अज्ञानों व असत्य का पुलंदा है। ... **(व्यवधान)** वर्ल्ड बैंक की रिपोर्ट हमारी नीतियों को प्रभावित करे इससे बड़ा दुर्भाग्य हमारे लिए हो नहीं सकता। मैं मानता हूं कि हमारी कुछ मजबूरियां रही हैं लेकिन वर्ल्ड बैंक इस प्रकार से हमारे ऊपर आक्रमण करे, यह अनुचित है। मैं यह भी जानता हूं कि सरकार अपनी नीतियों में परिवर्तन कर रही है। इस सदन में और बाहर भी सरकार की ओर से बार-बार आश्वासन दिया गया है कि किसी भी कारखाने में मजदूरों की छंटनी नहीं होगी। मैं फिर आश्वासन चाहता हूं कि चाहे यूनिटेम को चलायें या प्राइवेटाइजेशन करें या कुछ भी करें लेकिन मजदूरों की छंटनी नहीं होनी चाहिए। शायद वर्ल्ड बैंक यह भूल रहा है कि प्राइवेटाइजेशन और नेशनलाइजेशन के बीच में एक तीसरा रास्ता भी है वह है मजदूरों के हाथ में कारखाना देने का। मेरा आग्रह यह है कि वर्ल्ड बैंक के चलते मजदूरों को कारखाना देने की गुंजाइश होनी चाहिए। **(व्यवधान)**

श्री सुरेश पचौरी: बहुत गम्भीर मामला है इजाजत दीजिए। **(व्यवधान)**

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I know that. Please. I have allowed Mr. Jaipal Reddy. Please. It is a serious matter concerning thousands of workers in the public sector. This matter was raised by Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta...(Interruptions). Just a minute. Never mind.

श्रीमती सत्या बहिन (उत्तर प्रदेश): जिस तरह से आदिवासियों को मारा जा रहा है.. **(व्यवधान)**

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Ms. Satya Bahin, please. I am not allowing. (Interruptions). This is not the way. It is a serious matter. He has been raising this issue. He wanted a discussion on it. It is not a matter of one Adivasi or 10 Adivasis; there are thousands of Adivasis who might be affected by it. Let us understand the seriousness of the situation. After him I will allow you. I am allowing you to speak I will permit you. Let us go in a proper manner. I will allow you. Let him say his point. I will permit you.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Madam, there is a problem which we are confronted with in this House. Every time the World

Bank comes out with a report, our Government invariably says that it is not being dictated to by the World Bank. But in actual practice all the prescriptions of the Wolrd Bank are implemented. Today, with the unannounced closure of the public sector units what is being implemented is the much- touted Exit Policy. You are already implementing the Exit Policy, You are allowing the factories to be closed. You are allowing the workers to be laid off. You are adding the disemployed to the unemployed. So there is a need for the Governmtnt to come out with a categorical policy statement on this question. The public sector units are being starved to death deliberately through lack of budgetary support. This is a part of the Economic Policy.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Madam, I wish to associate myself with my hon. colleague..... ..... (interruptions).

उपसभापति : मंत्री जी आप कुछ कह रहे थे। ... (**व्यवधान**)

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Whenever there is a complaint about the mismanagement of the public sectors units, the attitude of the people who are managing this or the concerned Ministry is not responsive. That is why we are saying, let us privatise it. This is absolutely wrong. This should be resolved before the Session is over because it sends a wrong message all through the country. (Interruptions).

उपसभापति : मंत्री जी आप इसी विषय पर कुछ कह रहे थे। (**व्यवधान**)

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: In Hyderabad, it has totally.. (interruptions).

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA (Bihar): Madam, the Indian Government...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let him reply.

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: This is going to lead to the economic slavery of Inida. (interruptions).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Actually it is a joint responsibility of the Government and any Minister can answer. He is the concerned Minister. He is the Finance Minister. Let him answer.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): The issue raised is..(interruptions).

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Let the Leader of the House to act.

उपसभापति : लीडर आफ दी हाऊस क्या बोलेंगे जब मंत्री मौजूद है।

You have got a nice Leader who reacts all the time.

SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR: Madam, this is a matter in which a number of aspects have been dealt with here. The World Bank directions, Exit Policy, working of the public sector undertakings Budget provisions, non-release of the budget allocations and some other aspects have been mentioned here. This is a matter which we can discuss at the appropriate time when the House may like to do it. I would like to mention three things. The Government of India I would categorically say, does not work under pressure or guidance of the World Bank. It works under the guidance of the Parliament and the Prime Minister and the Council of Ministers. Secondly, the policy that has been mentioned... (interruptions)..

श्री गुरुदास दासगुप्ता : आप रुपया क्यों नहीं दे रहे हैं, पैसा क्यों नहीं दे रहे हैं ?

SRHI RAMESHWAR THAKUR: Just one minute....(interruptions)..

श्री गुरुदास दासगुप्ता : आप पहले यह बताइये कि आप रुपया क्यों नहीं दे रहे हैं ?

SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR: Just a minute. Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta, you are a senior Member. Why don't you have patience? This is not the way. All the time when you were speaking we were hearing you patiently. You are a senior Member. This is not the correct way. Sorry.

Madam, I was mentioning that as for as the policies are concerned the policy of the Government of India, the Industrial Policy, the Trade Policy or the Fiscal Policy, they have been announced and placed before the two Houses by the hon. Minister from time to time. If there is any particular aspect of the policy to be discussed, this sohuld be discussed. The Labour Minister and the Minister in charge of the public sector undertakings have given very categorical assurance only a couple of days back in regard to the Exit Policy. The third aspect mentioned was in regard liament is being made. If there are to release of funds. Release of funds as per the budget approved by Parliament is being made. If there are any... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: No, Madam, it is not being made... (*Interruptions*) ...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: All right, listen to him first... (*Interruptions*) ...

श्रीमती सत्या बहिन : पहले आप उनकी बात तो सुन लीजिये... **(व्यवधान)** ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta, please. Let him speak... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR: The Minister of Expenditure is here. If you ask any specific question in regard to any State or any Head under which the Plan allocation or otherwise as per the Grants as they are being given, as per Plan allocation or the recommendations of the Ninth Finance Commission . . . (*Interruptions*) ...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Budgetary allocation... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Budgetary allocations... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR: I am coming to that. Have a little patience. Hear the whole thing first.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta, please suppress your emotions for one minute.

SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR: The question is, as per budgetary allocation funds are being released. In fact, this year the allocations made to the States are much higher... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Not to States. Madam, I seek your protection. Not to States. What is this, Madam?... (*Interruptions*) ...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Order, order... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: I want your protection. We want him to tell us how much of funds they have released to the public sector units till now under the budgetary allocation... (*Interruptions*) ...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just a minute... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI MD. SALIM (West Bengal): The Minister is reacting without understanding the question itself... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR: If specific questions are asked, the hon. Finance Minister will give the details. They are general questions... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Madam, he must be directed... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra): He is asking about the budgetary support... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Madam, you must direct the Minister... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now will you please take your seat?

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह (बिहार): पहली बात तो यह है कि इसी सदन में सरकार ने 110 करोड़ रुपये एक उद्योग को देने की बात कही थी और इसी सदन में दूसरे उद्योग को 44 करोड़ रुपये देने की बात कही थी...

(व्यवधान)

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: How much fund has been released... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I will find a way. Today we have appropriation and I request the Members to put this specific question and the Minister has got enough time to get a specific answer to it. All right. Done. Now the matter is closed. Today the answer will be given.

मंत्री जी जवाब दे देंगे।

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Madam, you must direct him... (*Interruptions*)...You must direct the Minister to come to the House and tell us to what extent they have released the funds... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta, I do not know what is your kind of direction... (*Interruptions*)...I very clearly said that while you are discussing the appropriation, give sptcific examples of industries in the public sector to which money is not being released. The Minister will come prepared and answer in detail before the Appropriation Bill is sent back to the Lok Sabha. Is it very clear now?

RE. KILLING OF A ADIVASI YOUTH IN M.P.

श्री सुरेश पचौरी (मध्य प्रदेश): मैडम, मैं आपकी इजाजत से.. **(व्यवधान)** मैडम, बड़ा गंभीर मामला है।

उपसभापति: गंभीर मामला है तो बोलिये।

श्री सुरेश पचौरी: मैडम,

उपसभापति: आप नहीं, महिलाओं की प्राबलम है, आप बोलिये।

श्री सुरेश पचौरी: वही है।

मैडम, जब एक तरफ पूरा देश 8 अगस्त को भारत छोडो आन्दोलन की स्वर्ण जयंती मना रहा था और दोनों सदनों के माननीय सदस्यों को महामहिम राष्ट्रपति जी और प्रधानमंत्री जी संबोधित कर रहे थे, वहीं दूसरी तरफ 8 अगस्त को मध्य प्रदेश के रायसेन जिले के एक गांव में एक आदिवासी युवक, जिसका नाम जीवन था, उसके दोनो हाथ काट दिये गये और बाद में उसको गोली से मार डाला और गोली मारने के बाद उस आदिवासी जीवन के शरीर को ट्रैक्टर से कुचल डाला। महोदया, इससे भी गंभीर बात यह हुई कि उसके परिवार जनों ने जब देवरी थाने में रिपोर्ट लिखवानी चाही तो वहां रिपोर्ट लिखने से मना कर दिया गया। बाद में काफी हुज्जत के बाद उनकी रिपोर्ट लिखी गयी। महोदया, एक तरफ तो रायसेन में हरिजन-आदिवासियों पर जुल्मो-सितम ढाया जा रहा है और दूसरी तरफ म० प्र० में अत्याचार, अनाचार,